

No. R-494. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Collective-the art of craft gallery in Woodstock on its 10th anniversary.

(H.C.R.415)

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Whereas, in 2006, six craftspersons, each with a special artistic talent and unique specialty, decided to establish a cooperatively managed gallery in Woodstock, and

Whereas, they searched for an artistic home for their new venture and settled on a large 19th-century stone structure, located adjacent to the Kedron River, in Woodstock, and

Whereas, the building they chose was originally used to mill flax into linseed oil and may have included a water wheel for a power source, and

Whereas, the six founding artists decided to invite additional colleagues into this new cooperative enterprise, to be named “Collective-the art of craft,” and

Whereas, the founding artists, who are the cooperative’s managing members, and their artistic specialties, businesses, or both, include Lynn Adams (jewelry design-metalsmith), Deirdre Donnelly (jewelry art with inspiration from Irish symbols), Marcia Hammond (chenille weaving), Nick Kekic (Tsuga Studios, glassblower), Kathy Myers (pottery), and Nicholas Seidner (Rising Meadow Pottery), and

Whereas, the general members, and their artistic specialties, businesses, or both, are partners Trenny Robb and Bob Michaud (Highbeams, lamps—copper, brass, mica, and botanicals), Scott Duffy (Rockledge Farm, woodworking), Chris Eaton (Kingfisher Forge, blacksmithing), Deborah Ellis (Three Sheep and a Donkey, nuno felting), Nobu Fujii (photography), and Wanda Huff (upcycled sweaters), and

Whereas, each of the member artists take turns working in the gallery, making certain that one of them is present to assist customers whenever the gallery is open, and

Whereas, the Collective-the art of craft has become a popular Woodstock gallery whose members and guest artists create exquisite artistic works for appreciative buyers and the enjoyment of casual visitors, and

Whereas, 2016 marks the gallery’s 10th anniversary, which will be celebrated in July, and the Collective-the art of craft remains an innovative and successful artistic collective, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Collective-the art of craft gallery in Woodstock on its 10th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy to the gallery and each artist named in this resolution.